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SUBJECT: WORLD FOOD PROGRAM, PROJECT 585 GUYANA

- 1. MR. REINALDO ORTIZ-LOZANO, WFP ADVISER, UNDP OFFICE, QUIT VISITED GEORGETOWN MAY 27-29 TO INVESTIGATE SITUATION REPORTED REFTEL. AFTER FIRST MEETING WITH UNDP OFFICIALS GEORGETOWN SHORTLY AFTER ARRIVAL ORTIZ CONTACTED EMBASSY. WHILE INTERVIEWING ECONOFF HE REQUESTED AND WAS PROVIDED WRITTEN STATEMENT OF FACTS CONCERNING USE OF USG-PROVIDED WHEAT FLOUR FOR SUB-PROJECT 585. IN ADDITION, ORTIZ REQUESTED EMBASSY OPINION WHETHER GUYANA NATIONAL SERVICE (GNS) CONSTITUTES PARA-MILITARY TRGANIZATION. BASED ON FIRST-HAND OBSERVATION BY THREE EMBOFFS, LOCAL NEWS RELEASES, AND STATEMENTS IN GNS DOCUMENTS, EMBASSY STATED BELIEF THAT GNS IS PARA-MILITARY.
- 2 ORTIZ SAID HE HAD ALSO VISITED GOG MINISTRY OF COOPERATIVES AND NATIONAL MOBILIZATION CENTRAL FOODS UNIT), BRITISH HIGH COMMISSION, AND COLOMBIAN CHARGE. HE INDICATED HIS REPORT TO FAO ROME WILL NOT RPT NOT CONTAIN RECOMMENDATION FOR OR AGAINST CONTINUATION WFP AID TO SUB-PROJECT. HE NOTED THAT LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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ALTERED SUB-PROJECT 585 WITHOUT NOTIFICATION TO WFP. FYI. ORTIZ OPINED THAT FAO MIGHT DETERMINE TO SUSPEND FURTHER SHIPMENTS FOR SUB-PROJECT PENDING WFP APPROVAL OF AMENDED PROJECT, THUS LEAVING MORE TIME TO DECIDE WHETHER NEW ARRANGEMENT IS IN FACT ACCEPTABLE. END FYI. KREBS

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